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2000 Medical Expenditure Panel Survey

Insurance Component

## HEALTH INSURANCE COST STUDY PLAN INFORMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Please correct errors in name, address, and ZIP Code.  
ENTER number and street if not shown.

### PLAN INFORMATION

#### FOR CENSUS USE ONLY

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ENTER THE FIVE DIGIT PLANT  
NUMBER OF THE ORIGINAL CASE.

For your *(Fill in establishment address from above)* location, please answer the following questions for the health plan with the *(largest/next largest)* enrollment.

- 1a.** For 2000, what was the name of the health insurance plan with the *(largest/next largest)* enrollment of active employees?

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of plan

- 1b.** Is this the same plan as described for a previous location?

☐ Yes  
☐ No – **SKIP TO 2**

- 1c.** Are plan premiums and other characteristics about this plan consistent between this location and the one we previously discussed?

☐ Yes – ENTER PLANT NUMBER ABOVE  
AND **SKIP TO 12a ON PAGE 4**  
☐ No

The following questions are about the *(fill in plan name from above)*.

- 2.** Was this plan **purchased** from an insurance underwriter or was it **self-insured** by your organization?

- 105 ☐ Purchased from an insurance underwriter (fully insured) – **SKIP TO 5 ON PAGE 2.**  
2 ☐ Self insured – **GO TO QUESTION 3 ON PAGE 2.**

**PLAN INFORMATION – Continued**

**3.** Was this plan self-administered or did your organization employ an insurance company or other administrator?

- <sup>106</sup> <sup>1</sup> ☐ Self-administered  
<sup>2</sup> ☐ Insurance company or other administrator

**4.** Did your organization purchase stop-loss coverage?

- <sup>107</sup> <sup>1</sup> ☐ Yes  
<sup>2</sup> ☐ No } **SKIP TO 6**

**5.** What was the name of the insurance company or carrier providing this plan?

<sup>102</sup>

Name of insurance carrier

**6.** Which type of health care provider was available through *(fill plan name)*? Were the providers –

<READ EACH CATEGORY AND MARK (X) ONLY ONE>

DO NOT READ TERMS IN PARENTHESES

- <sup>103</sup> <sup>1</sup> ☐ Exclusive providers the **enrollee must use** in non-emergency situations, (HMO, IPA, EPO)  
<sup>2</sup> ☐ Any providers the **enrollee chooses** on a fee-for-service basis, or (CONVENTIONAL, IDEMNITY)  
<sup>3</sup> ☐ A mixture of preferred providers and any providers, where the enrollee pays one fee when using a provider associated with the plan and a **slightly higher fee** if he or she goes to a provider **outside the preferred group?** (PPO, POS)

**7.** Did this plan **require** that the enrollee see a gatekeeper or primary-care physician in order to be referred to a specialist?

- <sup>104</sup> <sup>1</sup> ☐ Yes  
<sup>2</sup> ☐ No

**PLAN INFORMATION – Continued**

**8a.** Was **employee-only** coverage offered under this plan?

- 552 1 ☐ Yes – *Continue with 8b*  
2 ☐ No – **SKIP TO 9a**

**8b.** For this plan, how much did one **typical** employee with **employee-only** coverage contribute toward his or her own premium?

132 \$  .00 Employee contribution – Employee-only premium

<MARK (X) ONLY ONE>

- 623 1 ☐ Weekly 2 ☐ Every two weeks 3 ☐ Monthly 5 ☐ Quarterly 4 ☐ Yearly

**8c.** What was the (*If self-insured 'monthly premium equivalent', else, 'total premium'*) for this **typical** employee with **employee-only** coverage, including both the employer and employee contributions?

130 \$  .00 Total employee-only premium

<ASK OR VERIFY>

**8d.** On which of the following time periods are these amounts reported: weekly, every 2 weeks, monthly, quarterly, or yearly?

<MARK (X) ONLY ONE>

- 133 1 ☐ Weekly 2 ☐ Every two weeks 3 ☐ Monthly 5 ☐ Quarterly 4 ☐ Yearly

**9a.** Was **family** coverage offered under this plan?

- 137 1 ☐ Yes – *Continue with 9b*  
2 ☐ No – **SKIP TO 10 ON PAGE 4**

**9b.** For this plan, how much did one **typical** employee with **family** coverage contribute toward his or her own premium?

READ IF NECESSARY: **If premium varies by family size, report for a family of four.**

136 \$  .00 Employee contribution – Family premium

<MARK (X) ONLY ONE>

- 624 1 ☐ Weekly 2 ☐ Every two weeks 3 ☐ Monthly 5 ☐ Quarterly 4 ☐ Yearly

**9c.** What was the (*If self-insured, 'monthly premium equivalent', else, 'total premium'*) for this **typical** employee with **family** coverage, including both the employer and employee contributions?

134 \$  .00 Total family premium

<ASK OR VERIFY>

**9d.** On which of the following time periods are these amounts reported: weekly, every 2 weeks, monthly, quarterly, or yearly?

<MARK (X) ONLY ONE>

- 553 1 ☐ Weekly 2 ☐ Every two weeks 3 ☐ Monthly 5 ☐ Quarterly 4 ☐ Yearly

## PLAN INFORMATION – Continued

### 10. Did this plan have a deductible?

- 151 1 ☐ Yes  
2 ☐ No

### 11. Which of the following services were covered under this plan for the 2000 plan year: <READ EACH CATEGORY>

	Yes (1)	No (2)	Don't know (3)
173 Chiropractic care .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
586 Child preventive care .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
176 Routine dental care .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
180 Inpatient mental illness .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
181 Outpatient mental illness .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### 12a. How many of the ACTIVE employees reported earlier for this location were **enrolled** in this plan during a **typical** pay period in 2000?

125 \_\_\_\_\_ Active employees enrolled

### 12b. What percentage of these **enrolled** employees had **employee-only** coverage?

542 \_\_\_\_\_ % of active employees enrolled in employee-only coverage

**OR**

129 \_\_\_\_\_ Number of active employees enrolled in employee-only coverage

### 12c. Did your organization offer **employee-plus-one** coverage for this plan during 2000?

- 570 1 ☐ Yes – *Continue with 12d*  
2 ☐ No – **SKIP TO END ON PAGE 5**

### 12d. What percentage of the **enrolled** employees had **employee-plus-one** coverage?

621 \_\_\_\_\_ % of active employees enrolled in employee-plus-one coverage

**OR**

571 \_\_\_\_\_ Number of active employees enrolled in employee-plus-one coverage

**END**

<DO NOT READ ALOUD>

- IF THERE IS A SECOND (OR THIRD) PLAN FOR THIS ESTABLISHMENT – GO TO ANOTHER MEPS-10M(S) QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THAT PLAN.
- IF YOU HAVE ALREADY COLLECTED INFORMATION FOR THREE PLANS FOR THIS ESTABLISHMENT – GO TO THE MEPS-10M QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE NEXT ESTABLISHMENT.
- IF THERE ARE NO MORE PLANS FOR THIS ESTABLISHMENT – GO TO THE MEPS-10M QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE NEXT ESTABLISHMENT.
- IF THERE ARE NO MORE ESTABLISHMENTS – END THE INTERVIEW BY READING THE THANK YOU STATEMENT.
- REFER TO MEPS-10M, PAGE 4 – HAVE RETIREMENT QUESTIONS BEEN ANSWERED?

**THANK YOU**

This concludes the Health Insurance Cost Study. Thank you very much for your time and cooperation.